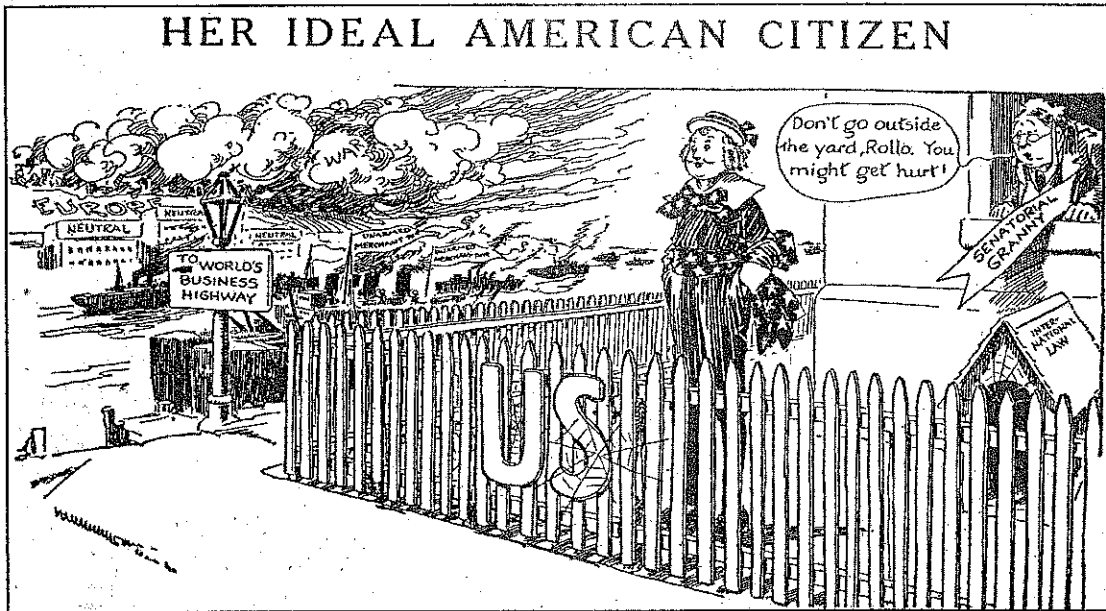


**WORLD WAR I AND BEYOND**

**Interpreting a Political Cartoon**

Three distinct positions on World War I were held by Americans. The isolationists believed that the United States should isolate itself from the war, while the interventionists thought the war did affect American interests and the United States should intervene on the side of the Allies. The third group, the internationalists believed that the United States should play a role in world affairs and work toward achieving peace, but not enter the war. As an internationalist, Wilson believed that the United States had the right to trade noncontraband goods with all of the warring nations. ♦ *Study the cartoon, and think about how the incident portrayed illustrates why the United States Senate was opposed to American intervention into World War I. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.*

**World War I**



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**Questions to Think About**

1. Who is speaking from the window?
2. What position does she likely hold regarding American intervention in the war?
3. **Summarize** What main point or message does this cartoon illustrate?
4. **Draw Conclusions** What role might cartoons such as this have played in American citizens' views of going to war?